

Hunting Rules and Regulations Town of Sprague

All hunting activity will be strictly regulated to ensure the safety of all recreationalists and to protect the natural resources of the area.

- (1) All hunters will be required to secure written permission from the Town of Sprague, before hunting on Town owned and regulated deer hunting property. The Town will administer written permission slips through its Town Clerk's office.

All hunters participating in pheasant and small game hunting can access these permits and tags on line through DEEP.

- (2) Areas open to regulated hunting in the Sprague Preserve:
 - a. No hunting allowed on the right side of the entrance road located off Holton Road in Franklin.
 - b. No hunting allowed on the left of the entrance road located off Holton Road in Franklin until the area known as Nippy's culvert.
 - c. The riverbed, first field only, from the river to 200' into the wood line. Formerly the Bombero property. This is accessed at the end of Park Drive in Baltic.

The total closed area is only a small percentage of the Town owned property. This closure ensures limited intrusion on adjacent private property by creating a safety buffer zone.

- (3) Times open to regulated hunting; Hunting days and times will follow State regulations summarized below:
 - a. Hunting is prohibited on Sundays.
 - b. Hunting will be closed on Columbus Day.
 - c. Hunting hours will follow State regulations. In addition, all hunting must end at 10:00 AM every Saturday during all hunting seasons.
- (4) Non-toxic shot only; lead shot is not allowed. Steel, Bismuth, or other non-toxic shot only.
- (5) Hunters wishing to hunt small game are restricted to the small game permit-required system presently established. Small game shall consist of grouse, pheasants, migratory birds, rabbit, squirrel and waterfowl. All applicable bird stamps are each hunter's responsibility.
- (6) The regulated hunting area is closed to all spring wild turkey hunting. Fall archery turkey hunting will be allowed if a hunter has secured an archery deer permission slip from the Town of Sprague.
- (7) Archery Deer Hunting: There will be no quota as to the total number of archery deer hunters allowed per year. All state regulations pertaining to archery deer hunting will be in effect. Permits will be available on or after September 1st.
- (8) Firearms Deer Hunting: Shotguns will be the only firearms allowed during the controlled hunt season.
 - a. Maximum quota allowed for this season will be 30 hunters.
 - b. Permits will be available on a first come, first serve basis starting on or after September 1st.
 - c. All State regulations pertaining to shotgun deer hunting will be in effect.
- (9) Muzzleloader Deer Hunting:
 - a. No Lottery Involved.
 - b. Forty (40) applicants' maximum quota.
 - c. Applications will be accepted on or after September 1st and throughout the season at the Town Clerk's office. This will be on a first come, first serve basis until the maximum quota is filled or the season ends, whichever comes first.
- (10) Hunters may hunt all three seasons (archery, shotgun, and muzzleloader). Each hunter must secure a separate permission slip for each season.

Regulated Deer Hunting Rules

1. No permanent tree stands or ground blinds allowed.
2. Portable commercial tree stands and/or ground blinds are encouraged for all deer hunting activity.
3. Any hunter utilizing a portable tree stand must wear a fall arrest safety harness when hunting from such a stand.
4. All deer hunting activity must be conducted from a stationary position.
5. Organized deer drives are strictly prohibited.
6. All deer hunting implements (bows, crossbows, shotguns, muzzleloaders) must be unloaded when being transported to and from stationary hunting locations.
7. All other deer laws and regulations enacted by the State of Connecticut will be in effect and must be followed by all deer hunters.

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